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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BF

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PINDLING ON MILITARY FACILITIES  
THROUGH CONGRESSMAN MARKEY

REF: NASSAU 0874

1. DAVID HOFFMAN, STAFF ASSISTANT TO FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN EDWARD MARKEY (D-MASS), BRIEFED ARA/CAR MONDAY, APRIL 24 ON A "MESSAGE" FROM PINDLING TRANSMITTED APRIL 20 TO MARKEY BY AN UNNAMED U.S. BUSINESSMAN. HOFFMAN SAID THE BUSINESSMAN WAS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF BOTH BAHAMIAN PRIME MINISTER LYNDEN PINDLING AND CONGRESSMAN MARKEY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE BUSINESSMAN, PINDLING SAID HE FELT THAT THE GCOB HAD BEEN "UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE" WITH THE USG ON THE CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF THE LEASE FOR THE AUTECH FACILITY. WHEN ASKED IF THE PROBLEM WAS FINANCIAL, PINDLING SAID NO, THAT THE PROBLEM WAS THE "LEVEL OF U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTENTION." PINDLING ALLUDED TO THE "MENACE TO U.S. INTERESTS" POSED NOT BY "OUTSIDE FORCES" LIKE CUBA AND JAMAICA BUT BY YOUNGER AND MORE RADICAL BAHAMIANS WHOM PINDLING WOULD HAVE TO SATISFY.

3. THE BUSINESSMAN SAID HE FELT A PINDLING MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE WOULD GO A LONG

WAY TOWARD RESOLVING THE OUTSTANDING MILITARY FACILITIES  
ISSUES.

4. ARA/CAR COMMENT: FOREGOING SUGGESTS THAT PINDLING  
MAY BE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN SHORT CUTTING THE SLOW  
NEGOTIATING PROCESS BY REACHING GENERAL AGREEMENT AT  
HIGHEST "POLITICAL" LEVEL. ALTERNATIVELY, PINDLING  
MAY WANT TO USE THE UNRESOLVED MILITARY FACILITIES  
ISSUE AS A LEVER TO INSURE "U.S. ATTENTION" AT A HIGH  
LEVEL TO BAHAMAS' PROBLEMS, AND TO SECURE A MEETING  
WITH EITHER MONDALE OR CARTER. END COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENTS INVITED. VANCE

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